

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user comprising:  
a mask, in use in fluid communication with said supply of gases and supplying said gases to said user,  
at least one outlet member integrated with or attached to said mask,  
wherein a boundary between said outlet member and said mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user,  
wherein said outlet vent comprises a slot formed in said mask and a cover extending over said slot and attached to said mask, such that the separation between said mask and said cover increases to the edge of said cover in order to diffuse said exhaled gases.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said outlet member is removable.
4. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said at least one outlet vent is a substantially long tapered slot.
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said at least one outlet vent extends between the top and bottom of said mask.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said mask is a nasal mask.

9. (Previously Presented) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said mask is a full face mask.

10. (Currently Amended) A CPAP system for delivering gases to a user comprising:  
a pressurised source of gases,  
transport means in fluid communication with said pressurised source adapted to convey said gases, and  
a mask in fluid communication with said transport means in use delivering said gases to said user, and

at least one removable outlet member integrated with or attached to said mask, wherein a boundary between said outlet member and said mask forms at least one narrow slot outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user, said outlet vent comprises a slot formed in said mask and a cover extending over said slot and attached to said mask, such that the separation between said mask and said cover increases to the edge of said

cover in order to diffuse said exhaled gases.

11. (Previously Presented) A CPAP system for delivering gases to a user according to claim 10 wherein said outlet member is removable.

12. (Currently Amended) A removable outlet member for a gases delivery mask, said mask including a slot and having at least one said outlet member provided thereon, a boundary between said outlet member and said the mask forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of expired gases from a user, said outlet member comprising:  
a cover extending over the slot in the mask and attached to the mask, such that the  
separation between the mask and said cover increases to the edge of said cover in order to diffuse  
said exhaled gases.

13-17. (Cancelled)